

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 19, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Jim Daniel
Commissioner Rick Hall
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Roger Allen
Kevin Lauer Larry Farley
Chris Clark Tommy Brown
George Curry Matt Young
Tim Alexander Mike Nunley

Anthony Honeycutt, Mary Jane Skinner, Bill Mingle, Charles Jones, Cana Blair, Leslie Herman, Joe Johnson, Jeff Clementi, Lara Clementi, Elaine Lower, Paula Todd, Brandon Cox, Tiffany Jones, Chris Stiles, Trey Nunley, David Manning, Terry Gibson, Mike Walls, Brian Josey, Jason Moore, Joe Pennington, Jake Levine, Steve Walker, Greg Capps, Russell Bradshaw, Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the special called meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. with five members being present at that time.

PRESENTATION OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT
CONSOLIDATION REPORT 2010:

The Committee was advised the purpose of the special called meeting was to review the Rutherford County Fire/Rescue Department Consolidation Report prepared by Kevin Lauer, Fire Management Consultant with the County Technical Assistance Service. Mr. Lauer previously reported on the volunteer fire departments in the County in 2005. The County currently has eleven non-profit volunteer fire departments with little in-put by the County and different levels of training. The Rescue Squads also have challenges including station coverage, response capabilities and performance issues. The Committee was advised goals of the plan are to create a safe, cost effective and efficient delivery of emergency services to decrease response times, improve volunteer staffing, training, disaster response, etc. Mr. Lauer recommended creation of the Rutherford County Fire/Rescue Department and discussed requirements to form the same including passage of a Resolution pursuant to T.C.A. 5-17-101, et seq. Mr. Lauer next reviewed the command and organization structure of the plan. The report covered the current costs and a proposed operating budget which was only \$18,110 more than the current donations and salary allotment. The budget could be paid through Situs based taxes initially. The report covered required capital expenses.

The report contained an analysis of rescue services and presented proposed new zones.

The plan is not to put any agency out of service but to coordinate efforts.

Mayor Burgess advised the County has had two studies done including this one and the communication infrastructure report and although ambitious plans he wanted to move forward

with both plans. Chairman Farley advised although services in the County are good, there is always room for improvement in public safety. These two plans can take the County into the 21st century. There are currently approximately 100,000 people in the rural areas of the County. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the concept of the communication plan with towers and the fire/rescue plan and authorize the County Mayor to make budget plans. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL:

Chairman Farley next presented a proposed budget amendment allocating donations received for the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial including \$1,000 from Rutherford Fire Chief's Association, \$200 from Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department, \$500 from Lascassas Volunteer Fire Department, \$500 from Murfreesboro Firefighter's Association, \$550 from Smyrna Firefighters, \$500 from Firehouse Fellowship, \$250 from NAFECO, \$200 from Pro Fire Equipment and \$500 from Kroger. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the budget amendment increasing Account #101-44570 (Contributions and Gifts) by \$4,200 and increasing Account #101-58900-799 (Other Capital Outlay) by \$4,200. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman